HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH TO EXTEND THE TASK FORCE STUDYING THE EFFECTS OF THE JANUARY 2014 FUEL TANK LEAK AT THE RED HILL UNDERGROUND FUEL STORAGE FACILITY.

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2014, fuel operators at the seventy year old Red Hill Underground Fuel Storage Facility discovered a fuel leak that risked contamination to the groundwater aquifer below; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 73, House Draft 1 (2014), the Department of Health convened a task force to study, and report on, the effects of the January 2014 fuel leak; and

WHEREAS, in December 2014, the task force submitted a report to the Legislature containing comments and recommendations from the task force, Department of Health, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Honolulu Board of Water Supply, Environmental Protection Agency, and the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, a negotiated agreement protecting the drinking water, agreed upon by the Department of Health, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the United States Navy, has not yet been finalized; and

WHEREAS, the need for the task force continues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, that the Director of Health is requested to extend the task force studying the effects of the January 2014 fuel tank leak at the Red Hill Underground Fuel Storage Facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health is requested to continue serving as the Chairperson of the task force, to invite the same interested parties to continue serving as members of the task force, and to invite any additional interested parties whose participation the Director of Health deems appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to monitor developments and gather new information about the Red Hill fuel tanks and the impact of the January 2014 leak for purposes of supplementing its 2014 report; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is requested to provide any necessary administrative, professional, technical, and clerical support to the task force; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health is requested to submit a supplemental report of the task force's findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, the Commander of the United States Pacific Fleet, the Commander of the United States Pacific Command, the Environmental Protection Agency's Pacific Islands Contact Office, the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and the Manager and Chief Engineer of the Honolulu Board of Water Supply.

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